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1. In Dec 53, a Polish fishing trawler, Kania, ran aground near the port of Vedersae, off Jutland. This event started a series of interesting developments:
 - (a) Three young Polish fishermen seized this unexpected opportunity to ask for asylum in Denmark, which was granted them.
 - (b) The skipper would neither abandon the trawler, nor accept the proffered help of a Danish salvaging firm. Instead, from Poland three seafaring tugs were sent to help refloat Kania. For three weeks, their efforts proved unavailing.
2. Alarmed by their prolonged presence in Danish coastal waters, and by the interest they displayed in the strategic beaches of the region, the Danish authorities requested them to leave promptly after Christmas. But the Kania's skipper is still there and still refuses to accept help from the Danish salvaging firm, saying that "bigger and stronger rescue vessels" would be sent from Poland.
3. The Vedersae beaches, ideal for landing operations, are believed to have been earmarked for the landing of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) units in case of war. This year [54] Polish fishing trawlers intend to fish for herring until the end of Jan (instead of mid-Dec) in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat.

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